

Magnolia – Queen Anne District Council

Monday, June 11, 2012, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Magnolia Community Center

Minutes

Attendance - Members attending were Glenn Avery, Lauren Boulter, Carol Burton, Fran Calhoun, Bruce Carter, Susan Casey, Stephen DeForest, Ellen Monrad, Michael Nanney, Janis Traven, Mike Warren, and Monica Wooton. Department of Neighborhood staff attending was Christa Dumpys, District Coordinator. Also present were Frank Gaul, Emergency Preparedness Committee; Angela Brady and Alex Sheldon, SDOT, Candida Lorenzana, King County DOT, and Marilynne Gardner, Seattle Public Libraries. Robert Canamar and Ryan Gabriel, state legislative candidates, were present for introductions.

Call to Order – Janis Traven called the meeting to order and the minutes and agenda were adopted.

CNC Report – Bruce Carter reported on the May CNC meeting, saying that commercial zoning changes were discussed. A Metro representative discussed Rapid Ride, the elimination of the free ride zone and other transit issues. There was a lengthy discussion of a three-page letter on proposed goals for 2013. The proposal that DON impose term limits on CNC members was raised in discussion.

Emergency Preparedness - Frank Gaul and Lauren Boulter update information on drills and activities. The committee's report is attached.

Mercer Corridor - Angela Brady, Mercer East Project Manager, SDOT, reported on the current status of the Mercer East project. She gave the timetable for construction in the area that includes work and closures on Fairview and Valley streets and the project proceeds toward completion. Mercer will be at two lanes while the SR99 overpass is replaced. When two-way Mercer opens, utility reconstruction and improvements will begin on Fairview, restricting lanes and access until completion. Details and schedules, including closures are at:
http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ppmp_mercer.htm

Metro's Downtown Transit Pathways – Candida Lorenzana, Transportation Planner, KCDOT, discussed Metro's potential routes in the area of South Main and South Washington. The choice will affect the Rapid Ride serving West Seattle and the 15th Avenue West corridor. Changes to the waterfront will impact bus routes through the area so Metro is looking for a solution with the best combination of access and travel times that will avoid the worst of the congestion in the area. The proposed changes would increase travel time by up to about 10 minutes in some cases. Some provide better access to Pioneer Square and the stadium district for northwest Seattle that currently exists.

Library Levy - Marilynne Gardner, CFO, Seattle Public Libraries, campaigned for the upcoming levy, Proposition 1, that would generate about \$17.3 million in taxes over the next seven years for Seattle libraries. According to Marilynne Gardner, the money would be used to increase hours at the libraries, add to the collections, and update the computer systems. In discussion it was noted that Ballard is the busiest library in the system. When asked if the library's operating budget was lower now than in the past, she said that she thought it was, if adjusted for inflation.

Neighborhood Matching Fund: Janis Traven was elected to represent Magnolia - Queen Anne on the Citywide Neighborhood Matching Fund. Mike Warren, Lauren Boulter, Glenn Avery, and Monica Wooton were elected to serve on the District Council's review team.

Reports - Bruce Carter announced the establishment of the Friends of Smith Cove Park and said that it was applying for \$750,000 from the Park Department's Opportunity Fund.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Emergency Preparedness Report:

June 11, 2012

To: Magnolia-Queen Anne District Council

From: Frank Gaul, Emergency preparedness Committee

RE: Monthly report

1. May 19, from 0900 to 1200, 5th Emergency Communications Exercise: Regional Terrorist Attacks. West QA and West Magnolia Hubs participated with full 5 members teams, two docents and one observer. Our docents were Sherry Kew at Magnolia and Fran Calhoun at West QA. They described how Hubs operated to visitors while the exercise was going on. Steve Erickson served as observer. Nancy Callaghan, Magnolia Chamber of Commerce and Pam Love, Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce observed and played non-radio roles.

Boy Scout Troop 72 staffed the West QA Hub and brought in new volunteers.

From 0915 to 1130, the two hubs passed 21 priority 1 and 2 messages through the HAMs at Magnolia to the EOC. We received 3 responses from EOC.

HAMs used both voice and digital modes. Our Hub teams debriefed and sent our notes to EOC for inclusion in the EOC After Action Report.

2. June 2, Sharra Firestone of the American Red Cross (ARC) presented the ARC Community Disaster education at Ascension Episcopal Church in Magnolia. The Church's Preparedness Committee, including Pat Le Roy and Jim Miller of the EPC, and Rev. Marilyn Cornwell, Ascension's rector, are very interested in working on preparedness in Magnolia and the Magnolia faith community specifically. About 2 dozen people attended and showed serious interest.

3. June 9, the Magnolia Farmer's Market opened on McGraw St in the Village. It runs Saturdays through June from 10 AM to 2 PM. EPC had a table and spoke with over 30 visitors. George Hanson worked with the merchants in Magnolia, the Office of Economic Development and SDOT to produce this market location. Turnout was about 1,500 visitors and average vendor sales indicated a strong start.

A street use permit was issued to operate the Magnolia Farmers Market on W McGraw between 32nd and 33rd Avenues from June 9 through July 7. The Market will operate Saturdays between the hours of 10:00 and 2:00.

Renewal of the McGraw street use permit for the remaining market days of the 2012 season, July 14 through Sept 29, is contingent on SDOT evaluation of traffic flow and parking conditions that develop in the Village during the June street closure periods. If June traffic and parking conditions are found to be within acceptable limits, the market will be allowed to remain on McGraw for the remainder of the season. If not, the Market will be required to move to 33rd Avenue W between W Wheeler St and W Smith St.